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## WASHINGTON PLAYERS WERE HIT MORE THAN ANY OTHERS

### McAlier's Men Got in the Way of Pitched Balls Frequently, but None Was Incapacitated—Base Ball Gossip.

BY J. ED GRILLO.

In the matter of being hit by pitched balls the Washington players led both major leagues last season. Clyde Milan, Red Killifer and Daniels of the Highlanders led the league, each being hit sixteen times during the season. Harry Gessler and Norman Elberfeld also figured in the two months, getting in the way of the ball, Gessler being hit fifteen times and the Kid thirteen times. None of these players, however, suffered any ill effect from their experience.

Some of the other men who stopped wildly pitched balls with either their bodies or their heads remembered the knocks they received. Eddie Cicotte of the Red Sox practically put Rube Waddell out of the American League by serving a ball into the Rube's left elbow in the game of May 10. No bones were broken, but Waddell was unable to pitch again for the season, by that time was in poor physical condition.

When a player was hit by one of Walter Johnson's fast ones he generally knew there would be an unfortunate sequel to the name. Indeed, the Idaho phenom did a lot of damage to the New York team in the game of April 22, when he hit the first baseman, the catcher and the pitcher.

The Washington players, as a set, were hit oftener by pitched balls last season than any other American League team. They followed, in the order named, the Highlanders, the Red Sox, the Tigers, the White Elephants, the Hillies, the Browns, the Naps and the Browns. Altogether 424 Red Cross passes were handed out in the American League last season, and the number of men who were hit and the number of times they were vaccinated being as follows:

Washington—Killifer, 16; Milan, 16; Gessler, 15; Elberfeld, 15; Miller, 15; Schaefer, 15; McCann, 15; Hanson, 15; Belling, 15; Cunningham, 15; Leifeld, 15; Schaefer, 15; New York—Daniels, 16; Cree, 16; Walter, 16; Austin, 16; Knight, 16; Humpal, 16; Sweeney, 16; Loper, 16; Rouse, 16; Mitchell, 16; Warbey, 16; Gardner, 16; Foster, 16; Hughes, 16; Manning, 16; Chase, 16; Ford, 16; Tull, 16; Boston—Oster, 16; Stahl, 16; Sparker, 16; Gardner, 16; Lewis, 16; Lord, 16; Karger, 16; Ray, 16; Collins, 16; Madden, 16; Cicotte, 16; Dettell, 16; E. Smith, 16; Total, 55.

Chicago—McLean, 6; Gandy, 4; Dougherty, 4; Furtell, 4; Blackburn, 4; Francis, 4; Hill, 4; Kelly, 4; Parent, 4; Payne, 4; Meser, 4; Jones, 4; DeBarney, 4; Briggs, 4; Swilling, 4; Sullivan, 4; Total, 44.

Cleveland—Barnes, 4; Krueger, 4; Birmingham, 4; Stoval, 4; Niles, 4; Lord, 4; Campbell, 4; Hays, 4; Briggs, 4; Pecknough, 4; Berger, 4; Bradley, 4; Land, 4; Falkenberg, 4; McGuire, 4; Total, 36.

St. Louis—Jones, 4; DeBarney, 4; Hoffmann, 4; Coridon, 4; Stephens, 4; Allen, 4; Reuss, 4; Neuse, 4; Waddell, 4; Fisher, 4; Baker, 4; Wallace, 4; Spence, 4; Griggs, 4; Demmitt, 4; Killifer, 4; Criss, 4; Total, 35.

If the new owners of the St. Louis club can induce Jimmy Callahan to 4-e charge of the St. Louis team, they will have made the most popular move, for there is no better liked man in base ball than Callahan. Indeed, Callahan is the only player who has been in the American League and removed much of the strength of the semi-pro leagues which have been a menace to base ball about Chicago. Callahan, in fact, more than any one else is responsible for the success that the semi-pros have attained in the Windy city.

In his prime as a ball player when he joined forces with them, and because of his great popularity the venture became a great financial success.

It is needless to say that if Callahan accepted the St. Louis management he will be one of the best-salaried managers in the game, for his Chicago interests in the past have made him as much as the average manager receives.

For several years the Eastern League and American Association have threatened to break away from organized base ball because they could not get the classification they considered themselves entitled to. Just now there is more grumbling and a war threatened, which, however, is not likely ever to take place.

There is not the slightest doubt that the two largest minor leagues are entitled to more than they are getting. Their interests and those of the smaller leagues, which predominate in the National Association of Minor Leagues, differ greatly. Yet they are on a par so far as power in the organization is concerned.

The major leagues, of course, cannot step in and order the minors to raise the classification of the Eastern and American Association. They must stand by the National Association, which is a part of the national agreement, so that should the Eastern and American Association break away they would be opposed by the major leagues and eventually defeated.

In this case, however, there is not enough at stake to start an expensive

## JIMMY CALLAHAN MAY MANAGE BROWNS

CHICAGO, December 30.—James J. Callahan, former manager of the Chicago Americans, and now owner of the Logan Square, a City League team, may be selected as manager of the St. Louis American League club, which recently changed hands.

Callahan was in conference yesterday with Nat and Mark Ewing, and F. M. Hodgman, new owners of the St. Louis team, who came here several days ago from St. Louis.

Mr. Hodgman, speaking for the party, said the question of a manager had not been settled, and the meeting to complete the organization of the club would not be held until after New Year.

## MINORS WILL ASK FOR HIGHER RATING

### Barrow and Chivington to Meet Magnates at Cincinnati Meeting.

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE STAR.

CINCINNATI, Ohio, December 30.—President Chivington of the American Association and President Ed Barrow of the Eastern League will come to Cincinnati to talk with the base ball magnates when they meet here on January 4. They will make known their demands upon the major leagues at this meeting, and according to the judgment of local base ball men the matters in dispute between the two minor leagues and the majors will in all probability be settled up at that time. According to the men who are on the inside of this matter, Chivington and Barrow are arranging a schedule of their demands. According to the reports from Chicago, Chivington has been in conference there with President Johnson and has secured his promise to have the matter brought up at this meeting. Johnson has wired President Herrmann to this effect and says he will come to Cincinnati for the January meeting to have the question settled. The demands will be the following:

1. The right to withdraw from the National League and the American Association as a separate organization of their own.
2. A higher classification, so that the Eastern League and the American Association can draft players from the Southern, Pacific Coast, Western and all classes of minor leagues on terms of equality with the majors.
3. Representation on the national commission in lieu of withdrawal from the national board of arbitration.
4. They will agree not to protest against the one-man draft rule now in force, in return for protection as to equal drafting privileges with the majors.
5. They will guarantee not to violate territorial rights of the American and National Leagues and not to put clubs in Chicago, Cincinnati, Cleveland and Pittsburgh if their demands are granted.
6. They will agree not to go to war over a higher classification, but in case of a disagreement to submit the whole matter to arbitration.
7. They profess their loyalty and friendship to organized base ball and laud the methods and achievement of President Ban Johnson and President August Herrmann.

All these matters are said to have equal importance and the minor presidents will force the point and ask that every one of them be given. Whether they will or not is another question. Suffice to say that the major magnates are not sleeping much nights while the minors are.

## JOHNSON IS AGAINST TRIP TO THE ORIENT

### American League President Out Flat-Footed Against Proposed Invasion.

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE STAR.

CHICAGO, Ill., December 30.—President Ban Johnson hit the warpath yesterday when asked regarding the avowed intention of Frank Bancroft, Cincinnati's veteran base ball man and winter league manager, to take the world's champions of next year on a cruise to Japan. What happened to the Athletics on their recent campaign in Cuba left Johnson in anything but a peaceable demeanor, and "Bancroft's plan" they will have made is not quite but nearly the human limit, according to Ban.

"Bancroft will be hunting for a job if he insists upon forming and carrying out the trips of this nature," retorted the American League executive, dismissing the subject.

Teams that have gone to California on training trips haven't been any howling success as pennant winners, but John T. Taylor isn't worrying over that.

## CHAMPION JOHNSON WON'T FIGHT ABROAD

### Knows Nothing of Agreement to Box Langford in Paris.

CHICAGO, December 30.—Jack Johnson, champion heavyweight said last night he had not signed any agreement to meet the winner of the Sam Langford-Joe Jeannette fight, as reported in a dispatch from Paris.

"My next fight will be in this country," the champion said in talking of the report. "I am my own manager, and if any one has me tangled up in a fight over there I am not to blame. When the time comes for me to sign articles and talk over things pertaining to a battle Jack Johnson will make all arrangements. I will continue to do this until I appoint some one to act as my manager."

Good old Theodore Breitenstein will manage the New Orleans team next season. The south has been very good to him, and he has never regretted seeking the balmier climes.

## MINORS' REQUEST WILL BE REFUSED

CHICAGO, December 30.—If officials of the American Association and the Eastern League appeal to the national association to permit the national meeting in Cincinnati next week, for higher rank, their request will be refused, according to B. B. Johnson, president of the American League and member of the national commission.

"I don't think the American Association or Eastern League will ask to be promoted or to be permitted to withdraw peacefully from the national association," said Johnson last night.

"The request will be denied, however, and if either of the leagues attempt to jump over the traces there will be something stirring in the ranks of organized ball."

## PLEASED WITH RULES

### Intercollegiate Association Indorses New Foot Ball.

### OPINIONS FAVOR GAME

#### Experts Say the Sport Is Comparatively Safe and Reasonably Free From Danger.

NEW YORK, December 30.—Foot ball as played last season received last night the indorsement of the Intercollegiate Athletic Association, gathered in this city for its annual meeting. The association was instrumental in bringing about a drastic revision of rules, and with the adoption of the report presented by its committee on foot ball rules, went on record as well pleased with the results obtained.

"On all sides," declared Chairman H. L. Williams of the committee, "opinions seem to agree that the game under the new rules has been made comparatively safe and reasonably free from danger."

"That all possibility of injuries to players can be eliminated is not to be expected any more than that it can be eliminated from other manly and virile sports. But the excessive dangers which previously existed and to which the public and those interested in the welfare of college and schoolboy players rightfully objected have been overcome."

Changes Name.

Capt. Palmer E. Pierce, U. S. A., president of the association, reported that its membership had increased from thirty-five in 1908 to eighty-one this year. Because of this growth he favors a change of name to the National Collegiate Athletic Association. This was voted.

Of the new foot ball Capt. Pierce said that though great progress had been made last year, the rules as they now stand could not be considered perfect.

"We hope to see the work perfected before another season," he added.

Prof. A. A. Stagg of the University of Chicago, chairman of the track rules committee, recommended the appointment of a special committee to supervise this branch of athletics, and to modify rules, etc. His committee was empowered to carry out the plan.

## ARMY ON RULES COMMITTEE

Lieut. V. W. Cooper of West Point was elected a member of the committee on foot ball rules, giving the Military Academy its first representation on that committee. The six other members elected are Dr. H. L. Williams, University of Minnesota; Dr. James A. Dabbitt, Harvard College; E. K. Hall, Dartmouth; Prof. W. L. Dudley, Vanderbilt University; Prof. W. C. Savage, Oberlin, and S. C. Williams, Iowa State University.

Three independent nominations were defeated—Glenn S. Warner of Carlisle, Dr. J. H. McCurdy, International Y. M. C. A. Training School, Springfield, Mass., and S. D. Newton, University of Missouri.

The members were chosen for the basketball rules committee as follows: A. H. Sharpe, Yale; Ralph Morgan, University of Pennsylvania; H. A. Fisher, University of Colorado; Lieut. P. D. Norlin, University of Wisconsin; Dr. J. H. McCurdy, University of Chicago; Dr. James Nalmsmith, University of Kansas, and Oswald Ford, Williams College.

These officers were elected: President, Capt. Palmer E. Pierce, West Point (re-elected); vice president, Prof. A. G. Smith, University of Wisconsin; treasurer, Prof. W. N. Nicholson, Wesleyan University; executive committee, Prof. H. G. Chase, Yale; Prof. W. C. Riddick, North Carolina College of Agriculture; Prof. George E. Ehler, University of Wisconsin; and Prof. George Norlin, University of Colorado.

## BOWLING BATTLES

D. Newton, University of Missouri.			
The members were chosen for the basketball rules committee by the following:			
J. H. Shaffer, University of Missouri; Ralph Morgan, University of Pennsylvania; H. A. Fisher, University of Colorado; J. Deut. F. D. Glasford, West Point; Dr. J. A. Raycroft, University of Chicago; Dr. James N. Smith, University of Kansas, and Oswald Smith, University of Colorado.			
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## BOWLING TEAM.

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